UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE United States Patent and Trademark Office Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/878,860	06/09/2001	George Michael Mockry	006385.00001	8653
22907 7590 09/10/2009 BANNER & WITCOFF, LTD. 1100 13th STREET, N.W. SUITE 1200 WASHINGTON, DC 20005-4051			EXAMINER	
			CHAMBERS, MICHAEL S	
			ART UNIT	PAPER NUMBER
			3711	
			MAIL DATE	DELIVERY MODE
			09/10/2009	PAPER

## Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.

## UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

\_\_\_\_

# BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte GEORGE MICHAEL MOCKRY and GREGORY MICHAEL MOCKRY

Appeal 2009-001218 Application 09/878,860 Technology Center 3700

\_\_\_\_\_

Decided: September 10, 2009

\_\_\_\_

Before RICHARD M. LEBOVITZ, JEFFREY N. FREDMAN, and STEPHEN WALSH, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

FREDMAN, Administrative Patent Judge.

## DECISION ON REQUEST FOR REHEARING

Appellants have requested rehearing of the decision entered August 3, 2009. That decision affirmed the Examiner's rejection of claims 23, 25, 27-30, and 32-40 and reversed the Examiner's rejection of claim 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Appellants' request for reconsideration has been granted.

Application 09/878,860

### **DISCUSSION**

Appellants note that the previous decision affirmed the rejection of claims 30 and 32-34, but claims 30 and 32-34 depend from claim 24. The rejection of claim 24 was reversed in the decision (Req. Recons. 5).

We agree with Appellants' reasoning and modify our decision so that the rejection of claims 23, 25, 27-29 and 35-40 is affirmed and the rejection of claims 24, 30 and 32-34 is reversed.

We note that this does not affect the reasoning of the dissent, which maintains that the rejections of all the claims should be affirmed over the cited art.

#### **SUMMARY**

Appellants' request has been granted and the decision affirming-in-part the examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is modified so that the rejection of claims 30 and 32-34, which depend from claim 24, is reversed.

#### **GRANTED**

dm

BANNER & WITCOFF, LTD. 1100 13<sup>TH</sup>, STREET, N.W. SUITE 1200 WASHINGTON DC 20005-4051